You Are ~~I Am~~ TIME!

As Shri Maharaj climbed up the steps to ~~the~~ the ~~loft~~ room in the loft, which is his living room + Pooja room + bedroom ~~and~~, where a few visitors had already gathered one morning, + he started talking even as he was taking his seat. I doubt if he even noticed that there were some visitors. He started talking, it seemed, because words started coming out of his lips spontaneously, which he probably would have done even if there were no visitors! In the latter course, of course, as Shri Maharaj often says, thought would not have reached the final stage of sound.

Shri Maharaj's subject this morning prompted itself when someone in the house said something about being late. He said, "how clear everything becomes when ~~one~~ the this-which-is has been clearly appreciated; there are no problems, no questions about anything. You are so used to thinking of TIME as something foreign, and apart from you, something through which you, as individual entities must necessarily pass. If you could only appreciate this-which-you-are, you would see the picture differently.

"Your whole idea of TIME is that you were born in the past, you that you are now in the present (although, strictly there is no 'present' as such because the 'present' never stays still!) and that you are growing older into the dim unknown future. Have you ever wondered how erroneous this concept is? Is there really any past-present-future in the objective sense? The 'past' has gone beyond recall and the 'future' you can know only when it has become present-past and has faded into a memory. It should be clear, therefore, that 'time' does not have an objective existence in your lives and that therefore it cannot be physically analysed!

"How then are you concerned with 'time'? You are concerned with time only insofar as

it denotes DURATION, a span of ~~time~~ measurement, a concept. Duration signifies temporality, which is the sine qua non of all phenomena, including all 'you's and 'me's. Thus what you appear to be, what you are conditioned to think you are but are not, is TEMPORAL but what you are as conscious Presence (and the knower of this consciousness) is INTEMPORALITY. (X)

"Do you understand what I am saying? Do you grasp the significance of what I have said? In effect what I have said is that YOU ARE TIME: what you ~~think~~ THINK you are is ~~TEMPORAL~~ DURATION, what you subjectively ARE is TIMELESS. Does this startle you? — to be told that what you think you are IS TIME? As a phenomenal object, are 'you' not TIME? — the river of 'time' flowing from infancy to old age, from birth to death, from creation to destruction, like any other manifested phenomenon? What you think you are — the psycho-somatic apparatus — is always in movement, doing one thing or another for the simple reason that consciousness, the nature of which is IS movement will not let you be still. This constant "doing" becomes the infamous KARMA because of ~~your~~ the identification with the physical form, whereby you assume the responsibility for the apparent action and, of course, for the consequences. Each ~~is~~ such apparent action gets extended in space/time in order to become perceptible in manifestation, and thereby becomes an 'event'. The entire phenomenal world ~~consisting~~ represents millions of 'you's and the totality of all such ~~events~~ action-events of all the 'you's presents the world in action. The word 'birth' ~~it~~ should really refer to ≠ 'time' because if duration were not born, manifestation and perception could not have taken place. You think you ~~were~~ are born but what was born was duration in which you as an object have become perceptible.

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(xi) The 'past' is only a memory and the 'future' only a hope.
It is only the 'present' (NOW) that means anything to us as PRESENCE which is what we ARE as INTEMPORALITY.

~~to be dependent~~ to have an interrelated counterpart in order to have even a conceptual, if not objective, existence, but all such interrelated counterparts like light and darkness, knowledge and ignorance, black and white etc. eternally separate in conception become inseparably re-united ~~then~~ in mutual negation. Therefore, the phenomenally conceived opposites "time" and "~~non~~ intemporality" become re-integrated in the mutual negation of wholeness. What phenomenally appear to be TIME ~~is~~ are, noumenally INTEMPORALITY.

"Whatever we may think or say about ~~INTEM~~ intemporality could only be conceptual, an indication, which could never possibly reveal to us what intemporality IS because that is what we ARE. All we can say is: I am ~~NOW~~, HERE, 'now' being in the absence of 'time' and 'here' being in the absence of space. Even this 'saying' ~~is~~ would destroy what THIS is!